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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

Applicant: MARIO STEVENSON

Title: DETECTION OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS

The prior application is assigned of record to University of Massachusetts, a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on September 13, 2000 at 011092/0376.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Specification	19
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Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449, 2 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.

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- Preliminary amendment, 3 pages.
- Copy of Petition of Two Month Extension of Time filed in the parent application (2 pages).
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/478,170, filed January 5, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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